



MINUTES

PUBLIC EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Tuesday, October 15, 2019 | 8:00 a.m. | 445 State Capitol

Members Present:

Sen. Lyle W. Hillyard, Senate Chair
Rep. Steve Eliason, House Chair
Rep. Steve Waldrip, House Vice Chair
Sen. Lincoln Fillmore
Sen. Ann Millner
Sen. Kathleen Riebe
Sen. Ronald Winterton
Rep. Joel K. Briscoe
Rep. Francis D. Gibson
Rep. Craig Hall
Rep. Dan N. Johnson
Rep. Bradley G. Last

Rep. Karianne Lisonbee
Rep. Jefferson Moss
Rep. Marie H. Poulson
Rep. Susan Pulsipher
Rep. Robert M. Spendlove

Members Absent:

Sen. Jerry W. Stevenson
Rep. V. Lowry Snow

Staff Present:

Ms. Nancy Skidmore, Committee Secretary
Ms. Emily Willis, Financial Analyst
Mr. Ben Leishman, Finance Manager

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1 . Call to Order

House Vice Chair Waldrip called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

2 . Line Item Performance Measures

[3a. USBE Performance Measures Presentation](#)

Dr. Jill Curry, Program Analyst, Utah State Board of Education (USBE), presented Line Item Performance Measures.

Sen. Riebe asked for clarification of the percentages presented in slide one and asked about the preparedness for children going into kindergarten by geographic location and student population.

Dr. Curry responded.

Rep. Briscoe asked about the thinking process of the School Board when there is a gap between where they want to be and where they currently are.

Dr. Sydnee Dickson, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Utah State Board of Education (USBE) responded.

Rep. Briscoe asked for clarification on timeline of "to be determined" in regards to children's school readiness.

Dr. Curry responded.

Rep. Johnson asked about the impact that increased enrollment in Upstart could have on school readiness across the state.

Dr. Curry responded.

Dr. Dickson also responded that Upstart is audited every year and that there is good data for this program.

Sen. Riebe commented on the slide "Educator Licensing" and asked why Performance Measures are not at 100%. She also commented on her concerns of the data on the "Science Outreach" slide and the inability to find substitute teachers for this area.

Chair Waldrip noted the distinction between charter schools and non-charter schools tracking. He asked for an explanation of the tracking differences between these two types of schools.

Dr. Curry responded.

Dr. Dickson responded.

Chair Eliason asked if there is a technical education goal.

Dr. Curry responded that these goals are included in the slides.

3 . Approval of Minutes (June 18, 2019; August 20, 2019)

MOTION: Rep. Poulson moved to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2019 and August 20, 2019 meetings. The motion passed with a vote of 13 - 0 - 6.

Yeas-13

Rep. J. Briscoe
Rep. S. Eliason
Rep. C. Hall
Rep. D. Johnson
Rep. B. Last
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. M. Poulson
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Sen. K. Riebe
Rep. R. Spendlove
Rep. S. Waldrip
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays-0

Absent-6

Sen. L. Fillmore
Rep. F. Gibson
Sen. L. Hillyard
Sen. A. Millner
Rep. V. Snow
Sen. J. Stevenson

4 . Regional Service Center Governance

[4a. Regional Service Centers USBE Presentation](#)

[4b. Regional Service Centers - Support Letters](#)

Mr. Scott Jones, Deputy Superintendent of Operations, Utah State Board of Education, Mr. Cade Douglas, Superintendent, Sevier School District, and Mr. Duke Mossman, Executive Director, Northeastern Utah Educational Services introduced themselves.

Mr. Jones introduced the slides on the Regional Service Centers.

Mr. Mossman gave a history of the Regional Service Centers.

Mr. Cade Douglas presented slides that showed the positive impact of the Regional Service Centers on the Sevier School District and other school districts.

Mr. Jones spoke to the intent of Senate Bill 4 that was passed in the 2019 legislative session.

Chair Waldrip asked what percentage of rural public schools and charter schools are part of the Regional Service Centers.

Mr. Mossman responded.

Mr. Douglas responded.

Chair Waldrip asked if there is a benefit to looking at redrawing boundaries.

Mr. Mossman and Mr. Douglas responded.

Sen. Hillyard made comments on Regional Service Centers and expressed his support.

Mr. Jones responded to Sen. Hillyard's comments.

Rep. Johnson commented on the good work that the Regional Service Centers are doing. He supports the Legislative requests.

Sen. Riebe expressed her appreciation for the Regional Service Center and what they provide. She expressed concern over the number of full time equivalents (FTE's) to the ratio of student to teachers in regards to geographical location.

Mr. Douglas responded.

Rep. Last expressed concern over the indexing of the appropriation.

Rep. Poulson asked about resources and professional development provided to teachers in the Regional Service Centers.

Mr. Mossman and Mr. Douglas responded.

Mr. Terry Shoemaker, Executive Director, Utah School Boards Association, expressed his support for this program and urged the Legislature to provide future funding.

Mr. Mark Huntsman, Chairman, State Board of Education, spoke in favor of the Regional Service Centers.

Ms. Cindy Phillips, Utah State Charter Board, expressed her support for Regional Service Centers.

Mr. Scott Crane, Executive Director, Southeast Service Center, spoke in favor of the Regional Service Centers.

Mr. John Fahey, Superintendent, Wayne County School District, spoke in favor of the Regional Service Centers.

Mr. Jay Blaine, Utah Education Association. spoke in favor of the Regional Service Centers.

Chair Waldrip announced that there would not be a break in the meeting at this time. The committee will now move to items 8 and 9 on the agenda.

Chair Hillyard asked Sen. Riebe to Vice Chair the committee.

5 . 9:45 a.m. Accountable Process Budget - Program Reviews

[8a. Issue Brief - Intergenerational Poverty Initiatives](#)

[8b. Issue Brief - Partnerships for Student Success](#)[8c. Issue Brief - Educational Improvement Opportunities Outside Regular School Day](#)[8d. Issue Brief - School Turnaround](#)[8e. School Turnaround Participants](#)

Ms. Emily Willis, Financial Analyst, Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst, presented the Accountable Process Budget.

Rep. Briscoe asked how the performance metrics are established.

Ms. Willis and Mr. Ben Leishman, Finance Manager, Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst, responded.

Rep. Briscoe asked if the State Board of Education has an opinion on the suggestion of creating line items for programs.

Mr. Leishman responded.

Mr. Scott Jones, Deputy Superintendent of Operations, State Board of Education, added comments about line items.

Chair Riebe commented on her desire to have other important items measured besides academic improvement such as absenteeism.

6 . Accountable Process Budget - Recommendations and Actions

[9a. Issue Brief - Accountable Budget Motions](#)

Mr. Leishman presented the motion sheet.

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Rep. Lisonbee made the committee aware of her concern that the salary of the Teacher's Supplement Program is insufficient for the number of teachers eligible for this funding.

Mr. Leishman responded to Rep. Lisonbee's concerns.

Mr. Scott Jones clarified Mr. Leishman's response.

Rep. Poulson commented that she is hearing from the teachers in her district on this issue.

MOTION: Chair Riebe moved to adopt the motions contained in the document titled Public Education Accountable Budget Process Motions dated October 25, 2019. Rep. Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 9.

Yeas-10

Rep. J. Briscoe
Sen. L. Fillmore
Rep. C. Hall
Rep. D. Johnson
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. M. Poulson
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Sen. K. Riebe
Rep. S. Waldrip
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays-0Absent-9

Rep. S. Eliason
Rep. F. Gibson
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7 . Break**8 . Adult Education Report**[5a. USBE Adult Education Presentation](#)

Mr. Brian Olmstead, Coordinator of Student Support, Utah State Board of Education (USBE), made a presentation on Adult Education.

Rep. Johnson asked how many inmates actually receive a diploma or GED.

Mr. Olmstead responded.

Rep. Briscoe asked for up-to-date data on reading grade levels of the inmates population. He also asked if judges are able to require education while the inmate serves time.

Mr. Olmstead responded.

Rep. Poulson asked how students are chosen to participate in the educational opportunities in prison.

Mr. Olmstead responded.

Chair Riebe asked if financial literacy and real life education is part of the the curriculum for prison population.

Mr. Olmstead responded

9 . 9:25 a.m. Student Health and Counseling Support Program - House Bill 373[7a. USBE School-based Mental Health Presentation](#)

Dr. Sydnee Dickson, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Utah State Board of Education (USBE) presented.

Ms. Sarah Young, Implementation Coach, Utah State Board of Education (USBE) presented.

Rep. Briscoe asked for clarification of the Full Time Employees (FTE) slide. He also asked for clarification of line 385 of the bill from last year.

Ms. Dickson responded

Chair Riebe expressed appreciation for the work that has been done on this issue.



Chair Waldrip commented that there is discussion on integrating insurance coverage. He also thanked those who have worked on this issue.

Ms. Dickson commented on insurance reimbursement.

10 . Other Business

MOTION: Rep. Briscoe moved to adjourn at 9:49 a.m. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 10.

Yeas-9

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Rep. C. Hall
Rep. D. Johnson
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. M. Poulson
Sen. K. Riebe
Rep. S. Waldrip
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays-0

Absent-10

Rep. S. Eliason
Rep. F. Gibson
Sen. L. Hillyard
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11 . Adjourn